

More than an ID checker

There's more to being a cop than guarding planes and checking IDs at the gate.

In a career field where Airmen learn to drive all-terrain vehicles and Humvees, shoot .50-caliber machine guns and grenade launchers, and operate tactical radio systems, Tech. Sgt. Corey Miller has had his share of exciting adventures.

The native of Raymond, Wash., likes the ever-changing mission of security forces because it keeps his career field interesting. Part of that mission includes supporting the other services — with Airmen now pulling duty as prison guards, convoy transporters and embedded training team members.

Sergeant Miller was recently deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, where he served as the antiterrorism officer for the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. Prior to that, his last deployment was to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, in 1997.

"Having the chance to deploy now was an excellent opportunity to experience the drastic change in mission since my last deployment," he said. "We train to patrol 'outside the wire' and conduct missions to protect resources."

And the 12-year veteran doesn't regret a moment. He allowed the Air Force to select his career field and has enjoyed the ride.

"In looking back, I wouldn't have changed a thing," he said. "We are, and have been, the ground combat force for the Air Force. We're the boots on the ground."

When he's not deployed, Sergeant Miller serves as an investigator in the 15th Security Forces Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

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